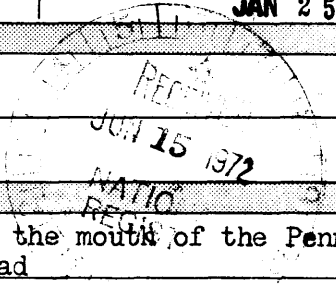


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Camden	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Griffith Morgan House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Morgan House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Banks of the Delaware River and the mouth of the Pennsauken Creek, approximately 1,500 feet from River Road

CITY OR TOWN:
~~Pennsauken Township~~ Chinaminesso vicinity

STATE New Jersey	CODE 34	COUNTY Camden	CODE 007
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) being reconstructed and preserved

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Delair Civic Association

STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 7

CITY OR TOWN:
Delair

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE:
34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Camden County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Camden

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE:
34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Historic Sites Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN:
Trenton

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE:
34

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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structure, built in 1693, is two and one half stories, 36' - 3" wide by 21' - 1" deep, constructed front and rear of iron bearing stone which was native to the area, and is commonly referred to as "Jersey Sand Stone". The ends of the structure including the gables are constructed of clay brick, handmade, which was also a local material. The architecture is typical of the 17th century, being large and bulky but durable. The window frames and door frames were hand worked from the solid oak, planed to shape, mortise and tenoned joints and pegged with oak and hickory pegs. The floor joists, roof, rafters and other structural members were worked from local oak. Although little remains of the original flooring, it appears to be square edge pine. The roof was gambrel, with two dormers either side. Nothing remains of the original roofing materials.

Interior

The interior of the structure consists of Living room, and Kitchen on the first floor, and three bedrooms each on the second and third floors. There is a full basement and remnants of a brick floor exists. There are four fireplaces, one in the living room and kitchen, and in two of the three bedrooms. Although the wood mantle and trim no longer exist, the fireplaces are in better than average condition. The interior walls and ceilings were plastered. The basement ceiling height is approximately 6'-6"; the first floor approximately 8'-1"; the second floor 7'-6"; the attic 7'-6".

The structure was added to during the 17th and 18th century and consisted of an outkitchen and springhouse on the first floor, and two attic rooms. There was no basement under this area. Only the foundation remains of these additions.



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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure is the oldest remaining house in Camden County and one of the first such dwellings to be constructed of stone and brick. The area is also the site of the earliest recorded settlement by Whiteman in West Jersey, Fort Eriwoneck.

Concerning the architecture, the builders of the period were laymen, mariners, shipbuilders and the like, which can be seen in the bulky manner in which the stone was laid, and the structural members shaped. The house has a satisfying appearance of its own unlike any of the later 18th century.

Congressional Representation

Honorable Harrison A. Williams, United States Senator
 Honorable Clifford P. Case, United States Senator
 Honorable Edwin B. Forsythe, Congressman 6th Congressional District



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Boyer, Charles S.: Rambles Through Old Highways & Byways of West Jersey, Camden County Historical Society 1967.
 Clement, John: First Immigrant Settlers In Newton Township, 1877.
 Fichter, Jack H.: A History of Pennsauken Township, Sinnickson Chew and Sons, Camden, New Jersey, 1966.
 Griscom, Loyd E.: The Down Jerseymen - Mainline Press, Palmyra, New Jersey, 1963.
 Prowell: History of Camden County, New Jersey, 1887.
 Smith: History of Nova Caesaria, Printed by James Parker, 1765.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		39	59	25
SE	° ' "	° ' "		75	2	56
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John T. Oliver, Jr., A.I.A., Restoration Architect

ORGANIZATION: **Griffith Morgan Committee** DATE: **April 5, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
8567 Rudderow Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Pennsauken** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Richard J. Sullivan*
Richard J. Sullivan

Title: _____
Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: **May 12, 1972**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **1/25/73**

ATTEST:

Wm J. Mumby
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **1-17-73**

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